IT BEATS ME

By Jim Tang

It's little wonder that it took Victoria High School Totems so long to win the provincial senior boys' basketball championship. Big reason Vancouver schools have been so successful is that they have a Grade 13, which gives their coaches an extra season to work with his seniors. If coach George Andrews had another year with his B.C. champions, Victoria would probably win another Canadian junior championship . . . Vic High, incidentally, has won provincial cross-country and junior soccer titles as well as the boys' basketball championship . . . tackle Bob Coutts of Mayo Vampires, one of the players counted on to strengthen Oak Bay Drakes this season, broke his leg recently playing touch football . . . it was sad news for most soccer fans when the word came through yesterday that Norwich City had finally been eliminated from the English Cup playdowns. The Division III club had captured the imagination of soccer fans everywhere with its gallant bid . . . B.C. Lions may lose Don Vassos, the University of British Columbia halfback who played here last year against the Oak Bay Drakes. Vassos has returned to his home in Regina and Saskatchewan Roughriders have put in a claim for his services . . . what a difference a centre can make. Rightwinger Ray Kinasewich spent two seasons at Seattle alongside Guyle Fielder, looked like National Hockey League material with 44 and 42 goals. Shifted to Edmonton this season, Kinasewich has only 14 goals with only two games left and went 35 games in one stretch without scoring . . . Fiori Goegan, one of the three ex-Cougars who went to Europe with the Belleville McFarlands, was one of the five players who had to sit it out during the "world" hockey tournament, which limited each club to 16 eligible players.

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Victoria Shamrocks will depend a lot on youth this season as they get into a rebuilding program but could spring a surprise or two before the Inter-City Lacrosse League season opens in lining up some more experienced talent . . . one of the players the Shamrocks would like to try out is Ted Harris, rookie defenceman of the Victoria Cougars who played junior lacrosse in Winnipeg. He has the size and attitude to be a help on the Shamrock defence . . . the ICLL will advertise for professional referees this season and pick four who will handle all games. They have also retained Scotty Morrison, referee-in-chief of the Western Hockey League, in an advisory capacity . . . and it wouldn't be a surprise if John Lumley showed up again in the ICLL this season. An ardent fisherman, he still has a big yen to return to the West Coast . . . asked in a pre-season interview what he thought of his chances to score 30 goals, Andy Hebenton said "Not a chance. That 30-goal stuff is for the super-stars." Andy became a super-star with the first hat-trick of his four-season NHL career . . . Billy Martin on Casey Stengel: "I'm not speaking to him and I don't think I will" . . . Lefty O'Doul on Willie Mays: "If I had his ability and didn't hit .400 they wouldn't have to pay me."

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New Yorkers like to think they live in the most blase of cities but the fact remains that crowds of more than 15,000 and gates of more than $50,000 are no rarity for wrestling at Madison Square Gardens . . . fans get their money's worth, too. Appearing on latest card, for instance, were Antonino Rocca, Johnny Valentine, Miguel Perez, Gene Stanlee, Jerry and Eddie Graham, Mike and Doc Gallagher, Roy Shires, Roy Stevens, Guy and Joe Brunetti, Paul Anderson, Haystack Calhoun, Ilio DePaolo, Gypsy Joe, Abe Jacobs, Bull Curry, Frank Townsend, The Sheik, Danny Miller, Mr. Puerto Rico, Tony Moreno, Don Evans, Pedro Escobar, Duke Hoffman—26 pachyderms in 10 bouts, three of them tag-team matches . . . Alonzo Lee Johnson, 1956 Eastern United States Golden Gloves champion, is a heavyweight who may have a big future. Watch for him to get a ranking within a year . . . Yogi Berra starts this season with a string of 134 games without error as a catcher and the New York Yankee veteran can set a new major league baseball record if he can tack 14 games more on his streak. Record of 147 consecutive errorless games was set by Buddy Rosar while playing with the Philadelphia Athletics . . . if Ted Kluszewski regains enough of his old time form to beat out Dick Stuart and Rocky Nelson for the first-base job, Pittsburgh Pirates are going to make a real run for the National League pennant . . . and keep an eye on Seattle Rainiers, too, this season. They are going to bounce back a long way, perhaps even to the top, under Fred Hutchinson . . . Elgin Baylor, a cinch to win rookie of the season honors in the National Basketball Association, was good enough in his first pro season to finish as runner-up in most valuable player voting. Bob Pettit led the voting with 273 points and 21 of 24 first-choice votes but Baylor beat out Bob Cousy, 141 points to 121, to finish second.

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GUESSING DEPARTMENT: Canadiens in the NHL tonight and Spokane in the WHL. Batting average to date: At bat 29, hits 16, percentage .552.

Rough Night for the Kid

Blood-smeared eyes of champion Hogan Kid Bassey are mute testimony to the punishment he took in Los Angeles last night as Davey Moore took his featherweight title with a technical knockout. Bassey's manager threw in towel after 13 gruelling rounds because of the eye cuts.

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Moore Feather King After Bloody Bout

By BOB MYERS

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sharp-shooting Davey Moore brought the world featherweight title back to the United States Wednesday night when he stopped Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria after 13 cruel rounds of a scheduled 15-round bout.

Bassey's manager, George Biddles of England, called up to referee Tommy Hart between the 13th and 14th rounds and asked him to stop the match because Bassey was blinded from his own blood.

It goes into the record book as a 13th-round knockout, although the challenger from Springfield, Ohio, was never able to floor the champion.

Bassey weighed 125 and Moore 125½ for the televised event.

Referee Hart and judge Mushy Callahan, under the 10-points-a-head round scoring system, had the 25-year-old Moore, the No. 1 contender, ahead going into the 14th, 126-119. Judge George Latka had Moore in front 125-121. The Associated Press had Moore leading 128-123.

It was the third time in the 26-year-old Bassey's career that he was beaten because of cuts.

Under California rules, if a fighter is ahead and his opponent quits because of cuts, it is ruled a knockout.

Moore started Bassey's downfall in the third round when he opened a bad cut over the right eye near the bridge of the nose. It bothered the Kid considerably and in the eighth, Davey ripped another bad cut over the left eye.

From then on, Bassey obviously was hampered. Between rounds his seconds patched up the wounds, but from the eighth on it was only a few seconds into the next round before Moore's flashing fists opened them and blood was streaming from the gashes and blinding Bassey.

"My fighter can't see," Biddles called to referee Hart, and the saddened Hogan repeated: "No, I can't see."

Bassey won the 126-pound crown when he defeated Cherif Hamia in Paris in June, 1957. It climaxed an international elimination series for the title when Sandy Saddler of the United States vacated. This was Bassey's second title defence. He knocked out Ricardo Moreno in three rounds in his first fight as champion.

The attendance was 10,129 and the gross gate $65,602.

Cougars Capture Overtime Victory

NEW WESTMINSTER—Stan Baliuk, back in early season form after recovering from a leg break suffered in mid-January, and Gordie Wilson, flashing some of the form which made him a standout last season, led Victoria Cougars to a 4-3 overtime win over the Royals here last night.

Baliuk scored his 26th and 27th goals, including the game-winner after only 10 seconds of overtime, and also assisted on goals by Wilson and Jim Hay. Wilson also figured on all the Victoria goals, drawing three assists.

And veteran Enio Sclisizzi, who has been a big help since being restored to active duty, kept up his fine play by helping set up two goals.

Victory continued the mastery the Cougars have exerted over the Royals this season in Queen's Park Arena. The Victoria club won four and tied one of six games here, broke even with the Royals in Victoria for a reason's record of 7-4-1 over the Western Hockey League's Western Division trailers.

NEED ONE

The two points pushed the Cougars four points ahead of Spokane Spokes in the down-to-the-wire tussle for third place and the Islanders can clinch now with one win or one Spokane defeat. The Cougars host Spokane Saturday, wind up the season at Seattle Sunday. The Spokes play out their schedule on the road, at Vancouver Friday and Victoria Saturday.

Wilson opened the scoring with his 12th goal, scoring from a scramble while Royals played shorthanded, Baliuk got his first goal when he cut in and hit the short side in the second period. Just over a minute later, Arnie Schmautz made it 2-1 going into the third period with a breakaway goal.

Hay's blue-line shot at 6.19 of the third period gave Cougars a 3-1 margin but the Royals drew even on goals by Pat Hannigan and Hugh Barlow.

Cougars wasted no time in the overtime. Wilson got the draw from the face-off and went in for a shot. Reno Zanier made the stop but Baliuk had coasted in and planted the rebound in the hemp.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Victoria, Wilson (Sclisizzi, Baliuk) 11.16.

Penalties: Jones 10.14, Creighton 12.05, Harris (double minor) 12.05, McLeod 14.13, Barlow (misconduct) 14.57.

SECOND PERIOD

2. Victoria, Baliuk (Wilson, Sclisizzi) 6.41.
3. New Westminster, Schmautz (Wright) 7.53.

Penalty: Hay 11:05.

THIRD PERIOD

4. Victoria, Hay (Baliuk, Wilson) 6.19.
5. New Westminster, Hannigan (Fashoway, Jones) 8.30.
6. New Westminster, Barlow (Van Impe, Matthews) 16.23.

Penalties: Collins 2.46, Sclisizzi 10.36.

OVERTIME

7. Victoria, Baliuk (Wilson) .10.

Penalties: none.

WESTERN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Seattle	67	37	27	3	259	213	77
Vancouver	68	29	28	11	206	208	69
VICTORIA	68	29	35	4	210	244	62
Spokane	67	26	35	6	207	256	58
New Wstmnstr	68	23	43	2	231	291	48

EASTERN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Calgary	62	41	20	1	253	188	83
Edmonton	62	32	27	3	197	197	65
Saskatoon	62	29	29	4	208	194	62
Winnipeg	62	29	31	2	249	227	60

Last night's scores: Victoria 4 at New Westminster 3 (overtime); Vancouver 4 at Seattle 2; Edmonton 1 at Saskatoon 6.

Next game: Tonight—Seattle at Spokane.

No Restocking In Bass Lakes

Southern Vancouver Island lakes will not be restocked with bass, Recreation Minister Earle Westwood announced in the legislature yesterday.

He made the comment after Herbert Bruch (SC, Esquimalt) had asked how long it would take to restock the lakes with fish.

"In the King Fisherman Derby, the Colonist derby, there were more bass than trout entries from southern Vancouver Island," Mr. Bruch observed.

Mr. Westwood said the fisheries branch had no way of propagating bass and did not like moving bass from one lake to another as they "take over and kill off the trout."

Fielder Sets Assist Mark

Guyle Fielder set another Western Hockey League record last night and practically clinched his fourth scoring championship although his Seattle Totems were beaten on home ice, 4-2, by Vancouver Canucks.

Fielder drew assists on both Seattle goals to give him 90 assists for the season, breaking his own record of 89 set in the 1956-57 season. The two scoring passes jumped his season's total to 111 points, four ahead of Ed Dorohoy, who has two games left to play against three for Fielder.

THIRD TIME

If Fielder wins the scoring championship, it will mark the third successive season he has topped the WHL. He won two seasons back with 12 points, a pro hockey record, retained his honors last season with 111 points.

In an Eastern Division game at Saskatoon, the Quakers jumped ahead in their private battle with Winnipeg Warriors for the last playoff spot by defeating Edmonton Flyers, 6-1, before 3,800 fans.

Quakers now lead Warriors by two points but meet the Winnipeg team in a home-and-home series Friday and Saturday which ends the schedule for both clubs. Saskatoon has to win once to make the playdowns.

In ending the Flyers' five-game win streak, the Quakers looked like winners all the way. They built up a 5-0 lead and Lucien Dechene appeared to be heading for his fifth shutout when Roger Dejordy scored with only 18 seconds left.

EDMONTON 1, SASKATOON 6

FIRST PERIOD

1. Saskatoon, Lynn (Bentley) 9.29.
2. Saskatoon, Keller 12.02.

Penalties: Coflin (misconduct) 18.18, Masnick 19.04.

SECOND PERIOD

3. Saskatoon, Marcetta (Lobossiere) 10.33.

Penalties: Amadio 10.24, Coflin 17.43.

THIRD PERIOD

4. Saskatoon, Kabel (Kuryluk, Masnick) 11.25.
5. Saskatoon, Burega (McLeod (Lobossiere) 16.18.
6. Edmonton, Dejordy (McNeill, Oliver) 19.42.
7. Saskatoon, Masnick (Kabel, Kuryluk) 19.50.

Penalties: None.

Stops:

Dechene	9	5	10—24
Johnson	11	11	14—36

VANCOUVER 4, SEATTLE 2

FIRST PERIOD

1. Vancouver, Cyr (Lilley, Peacosh) 6.24.
2. Vancouver, Peacosh (Lilley, Cyr) 11.20.
3. Vancouver, Hutchinson (Blaine, Macnab) 15.59.

Penalties: Macnab 8.40, Howell 17.30.

SECOND PERIOD

4. Vancouver, Reinsle (Pearson) 7.44.
5. Seattle, Fonteyne (Fielder, Boileau) 9.52.

Penalties: Arnett 2.04, Blaine 18.59.

THIRD PERIOD

6. Seattle, MacFarland (Leonard, Fielder) 8.59.

Penalties: Blaine 5.44, Sinclair 18.02.

Stops:

Gamble	5	8	6—19
Bentley	12	7	9—27

FAN FARE

By Walt Ditzen

LORNE LOOMER
. . . top rower

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Pedersen, Loomer Honored

VANCOUVER — Two Victoria athletes were honored here last night at the annual University of British Columbia Big Block banquet.

Lorne Loomer, 3244 Frechette, was presented with his third big block and a special award for rowing. Loomer was stroke and captain of the eights crew which won a gold medal in the British Empire Games last summer in Wales.

Ed Pedersen, 1429 Brooke, won his big block for starring with UBC Thunderbirds basketball team.

Dick MacClure of Courtenay, another oarsman, also received a big block and special award. He was a member of the fours team which won a silver medal in the BEG Games.

Other Vancouver Island athletes receiving awards were Jim Beck, Nanaimo, football; George Hoar, Alberni, football; David J. Huntley, Brentwood Bay, grass hockey; Alexander Ross, Campbell River, gymnastics.

Boston Assured Of Second Place

NEW YORK—Boston Bruins clinched second place in the National Hockey League here last night with a 5-3 victory over New York Rangers, and in the process widened the crack through which Toronto and Detroit are trying to squeeze into the playoffs.

A crowd of 11,755 saw the stumbling Rangers put on a thrilling finish after spotting the Bruins a 4-0 lead, but Boston goalie Harry Lumley was equal to the occasion, and the Rangers went down to their fifth straight defeat.

Result left the playoff picture like this: Boston is four points ahead of Chicago, which can now hope for no better than a second-place tie in points, in that case Boston would be placed second on the basis of more wins.

New York still holds down fourth place, and the last playoff spot, but Toronto is only three points back with a game in hand. Detroit could still tie for fourth by winning its two remaining games while New York lost its two and Toronto dropped two of three.

Leafs pick up their game in hand tonight, but face a stiff task in trying to move within a single point of the idle Rangers.

Bruins had built up their four-goal lead by 6.41 of the second period on goals by Leo Boivin, Fleming Mackell, Jim Morrison and Larry Leach.

However the Rangers rallied on a second-period goal by Bill Gadsby, and pulled within one goal as George Sullivan scored with 40 seconds gone in the third period and Andy Hebenton tallied on a power play.

Lumley held off repeated threats at the tying goal, and Don McKenney clinched the win with his 32nd goal of the season after Ranger goalie Gump Worsley was pulled for an extra forward.

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Montreal	67	38	16	13	248	146	89
Boston	68	31	28	9	200	208	71
Chicago	68	27	28	13	192	202	67
New York	68	25	32	12	194	211	62
Toronto	67	24	32	11	172	193	59
Detroit	68	25	35	8	161	207	58

Last night's score: Boston 5 at New York 3.

Next game: Tonight, Toronto at Montreal.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Boston, Boivin (Labine, Mackell) 12.29.
2. Boston, Mackell (Toppazzini) 14.14.

Penalties: Howell 3.38, Stasiuk and Bartlett 12.01.

SECOND PERIOD

3. Boston, Morrison (Horvath, Bucyk) 3.59.
4. Boston, Leach (Gendron) 6.41.
5. New York, Gadsby (Hebenton) 7.03.

Penalties: Popein 2.38, Shack 3.35, Boivin 8.06.

THIRD PERIOD

6. New York, Sullivan (Henry, Hebenton) 40.
7. New York, Hebenton (Henry, Gadsby) 4.17.
8. Boston, McKenney 19.22.

Penalties: Horvath 3.29, Mackell and Sullivan 18.32.

Stops:

Lumley	13	14	8—35
Worsley	13	6	8—27

Match Abandoned

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (Reuters) — England's cricket tour of Australia and New Zealand ended in a damp and dismal atmosphere Wednesday when the second test against New Zealand was abandoned without a ball being bowled for two days of the four-day match.

SOFTBALL MEETING

Six Mile senior softball team will hold a meeting tonight at the Six Mile House starting at 8 p.m. for all of last year's players and any others interested in making the club.

Navy's Big Guns Can Still Bark

Navy may have been knocked out of the Coy Cup playdowns, but the Sailors are still a power to be reckoned with in the city Commercial Hockey League.

They proved it last night, trouncing Vics, 6-1, at Memorial Arena in the opening game of a best-of-three series for the city championship. Second game will be played next Tuesday at 8.30.

Neil Standley and Cliff Uhren each scored twice for the Sailors, who had a 4-0 lead going into the third period. Johnny Bond and Johnny Reddin got the other goals, with Makowski replying for Vics.

Goalie Jim Rutherford had to stop only 10 shots by Vics, who were shooting wildly throughout. Meanwhile, the Sailors poured a total of 49 shots at Don Hamilton.

Each team will be a man short for Tuesday's game. Navy's Carl Christiaens and Vics' Art Pike received game misconduct penalties for a second-period stick-swinging duel.

NAVY 6, VICS 1

FIRST PERIOD

1. Navy, Bond (Tanner) 13.11.
2. Navy, Uhren (Tanner, Bond) 16.54.

Penalties: Standley 8.37, Pike (minor and misconduct) 11.37.

SECOND PERIOD

3. Navy, Uhren 3.49.
4. Navy, Standley (Gill) 12.49.

Penalties: Christiaens 4.26, Pike 4.56, Chobater 5.04, W. Harris (major) 5.04, Bond (major) 5.04, Pike and Christiaens (game misconduct) 7.15.

THIRD PERIOD

5. Vics, Makowski (Lawrence) 22.
6. Navy, Reddin (Standley, Gill) 3.09.
7. Navy, Standley 15.59.

Penalties: Paulin and Rutherford 19, B. Harris and Gill 8.26, Reddin 18.20.

Stops:

Rutherford	5	1	4—10
Hamilton	14	15	14—43

Marshall Pil Wins The Lincolnshire

LINCOLN, England — Marshall Pil won the Lincolnshire Handicap Wednesday, the first major flat race of the English season.

Meanwhile, the odds on Mr. What becoming the seventh horse in history to win the Grand National steeplechase twice dropped to 6-1. Top Twenty was scratched from Saturday's running after a setback in training.

First money in the Lincolnshire was $9,227. The race is always heavily backed, since many Britons try to connect the winner of the Lincolnshire with the winner of the Grand National, in a "spring double."

Speaking Briefly

Las Vegas 'Warmup' for Title

Confident Cus d'Amato and his tiger Floyd Patterson have signed to defend his world heavyweight title against British ruler Brian London April 21 in Las Vegas as a "warmup" for his June title date with Ingemar Johansson in New York.

Apparently neither d'Amato nor British promoter Harry Levene is considering the possibility that London could throw even more confusion than usual into the heavyweight picture by upsetting Patterson. No mention was made about such a thing yesterday as both talked only of a guarantee of $250,000.

D'Amato had always stated that he wanted Patterson to have a warmup bout before facing the undefeated Johansson, and the terms of his contract allow such a fight, although Johansson isn't allowed a bout before the title fight.

London, 24, is fifth-ranking heavyweight contender behind Johansson; Nino Valdes; Henry Cooper, the Briton who beat him for the British title Jan. 12, and Zora Folley. He has a 22-4 record, including 19 knockouts.

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MAURICE RICHARD, the National Hockey League's all-time scoring king, had the cast removed from his injured leg yesterday and will rejoin Montreal Canadiens in time for some of the Stanley Cup playoffs. Winger **Bernie Geoffrion** of the Habs, who had been out with a stomach injury, will also be in action for playoffs . . . Former light-heavyweight contender **Yolande Pompey** of Trinidad was taken to hospital for observation in Paisley, Scotland, last night after he was knocked out in the 10th round by **Chick Calderwood** of Scotland . . . **Bobby Hicks** of Seattle retained his Pacific Northwest lightweight title Tuesday, winning every round of his 12-rounder with **Teddy Hall** for a unanimous decision . . . Belleville McFarlands defeated a Czechoslovakian iron works team, 6-5, yesterday in Ostrava . . . The U.S. national team was beaten, 6-1, by a Russian team in Moscow . . . Canada was beaten, 2-1, by an all-star team from Devon, Cornwall and Somerset in international women's grass hockey at Plymouth yesterday.

BILL DEAN JESSOP, 29-year-old end and punter who has had eight seasons with San Francisco 49'ers of the National Football League, has been signed by B.C. Lions. He also plays defensive and offensive halfback and corner linebacker, and was third in the NFL punting last season with a 43.6 yard average . . . Lions' home field, Empire Stadium, will be re-turfed with Kentucky blue grass this summer . . . Lineman **Tony Sardisco**, former Tulane University captain, has been signed by Calgary Stampeders . . . Real Madrid trounced Vienna Sport Club, 7-1, yesterday to win the two-game series and advance to the semi-finals of the European soccer cup championship. First game ended in a scoreless tie . . . **Robert Harris**, 76, former captain of the British Walker Cup golf team, died Wednesday. He won the British amateur title in 1925 and captained the team against the United States in 1922, 1923 and 1926. **Stan Mikita** of St. Catherines Teepees, top scorer in the Ontario Junior Hockey League has been named winner of the **Albert (Red) Tilson** Memorial Trophy as the league's "most valuable and gentlemanly player" . . . Vernon Canadians and Nelson Maple Leafs open a best-of-seven series for the B.C. senior "A" hockey championship and the Savage Cup Saturday in Nelson . . . Boston Bruins have called up four members of their Providence farm team in the American Hockey League—**Cal Gardner, Ken Yackel, Dan Poliziani and Pete Panagabko.**